

—the Lok Jumbish Programme which was undertaken in Rajasthan with the basic objective of achieving education for all;

—the Scheme for Strengthening of Boarding and Hostel Facilities for Girl Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools;

—and the Mahila Samakhya Programme which aims at providing opportunities for education for women and adolescent girls and bringing about their greater participation in both formal and non-formal education programmes.

In addition to the above, the Government is now in the process of formulating a scheme entitled the "National Programme for Education of Girls at the Elementary Level" for providing free education to girls/women upto graduation level.

Sanskrit Vidyapeeths

1477. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- the total number of Sanskrit Vidyapeeths in the country;
- whether Government have any proposal to establish new Vidyapeeths during the financial year 2000-2001; and
- if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) There are eight Sanskrit Vidyapeethes and 77 affiliated Sanskrit institutions being run under the aegis of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, a proposal to establish a new Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha Mumbai (Maharashtra) is under the active consideration of the Government.

Provision of Transport and meals for primary schools children

1478. DR. RAJA RAMANNA:

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- whether primary schools all over India are both thinly spread out and far from the villages that they serve;